

U. S. CAN GO TO —, SAYS VILLA

Bandit Chieftain Shakes Fist in Foreigners' Faces.

Rebel Confiscates Many Stores in Chihuahua City.

MEXICANS JAILED; EXECUTED

"State" Seal Is Placed on Barred Doors.

Outsiders, Famished, To Be Rushed Over Border.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Times this afternoon says: "President Wilson has definitely decided to recognize Carranza, according to a well authenticated report which spread through Washington this afternoon. 'This action, it is said, will be taken within two weeks.'"

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 2.—"The American government can go to —," declared General Francisco Villa, addressing a gathering of foreign merchants at Chihuahua City Saturday.

Shortly afterward he confiscated a number of their stores. Forty-two Mexican merchants were jailed after the conference held Saturday for the purpose of raising a forced loan. Six were executed. Such was the substance of reports brought here today by foreign merchants.

According to the reports brought here by merchants General Villa stamped up and down the room where foreign and Mexican business men were assembled Sunday afternoon in the governor's palace and shook his fist in the face of the thirty or forty present. Some of the foreigners were escorted to the meeting under guard.

"I am going to take your property for the benefit of the state," he declared. "Four employees will remain and conduct the business under the direction of my agents. You have been stealing from the people for yourselves."

"Tomorrow at noon a train will be ready to take you foreigners to the border. We are poor here and I will send neither bread nor water on the train."

"Meanwhile, you Americans and Germans and Frenchmen: My telephone wires will be open to you and you can protest to your governments. To — With America."

"If the American government does not like my action it can go to —. I have been fighting for twenty years and I am willing to fight as many years more."

The train ended, it was said, with a general order for the confiscation of all stores in Chihuahua by the Villa government.

Among the foreign firms affected is the general supply store of Ketsel and Degata; the hardware business of Krahauser Zork & Moyer; the jewelry store of E. H. Booth; the merchandise store of L. W. Thompson; the dry goods house of William Bunso, and half a dozen others.

The train which was to carry the expelled merchants to the border was due to leave Chihuahua City Sunday at 11 a. m. It had not arrived at the border up to noon today.

Great Plans for Villa. Among the other plans taken over by the Villa government is the Jabonera Cotton Seed Products company, said to be a British corporation representing an investment of \$5,000,000. This company is known to have already paid a quarter of a million in loans to the Villa government.

The state treasurer of Chihuahua was ordered to place the state seal on the doors of all confiscated stores, according to merchants who arrived today, and General Villa is alleged to have declared that if a seal was broken the owner would be shot.

It was in the face of these events that a second meeting of the merchants with General Villa was called for yesterday in the hope of securing a modification of the wholesale confiscation. The result of this meeting has not reached the border.

The mining men in Villa territory are to meet for the second time with General Villa to discuss the demands of General Villa for a loan.

BIG FIRE IN TURKEY

Five Thousand Buildings Are Burned in Constantinople.

One Hospital Filled With Germans in Conflagration.

Athens, Aug. 2.—(via London).—Arrivals here from Constantinople report that five thousand buildings, including the German hospital filled with wounded soldiers were destroyed last week by fire.

K. C. Capitalist Dead. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2.—Jenul Clinton Gates, a retired capitalist, died at his home here today, aged 86 years. Mr. Gates last March gave the site for Mercy Hospital here.

The two acres he donated to the hospital are valued at \$50,000.

The Topeka State Journal.

PAUL HUDSON BELIEVED SAFE, WITH CARRANZA FORCES IN MEXICO CITY

Washington, Aug. 2.—Advice to the state department concerning Paul Hudson, an American editor of the Mexican Herald, say he was held a prisoner in the Herald building in Mexico City as late as July 25, when Zapata followers were operating his press, printing their paper, El Reno Vador. "It is presumed, however," the department dispatch says, "that upon the entry of Carranza's forces into Mexico City, the Brazilian minister was able to obtain the release of Mr. Hudson and his staff." Mr. Hudson formerly lived in Topeka, Kan.

KOUNS SAVES LIFE

Santa Fe General Manager Rescues a Drowning Man.

Made a Long Swim in Bay at Galveston.

Galveston, Aug. 2.—Persons on the beach here witnessed a daring rescue when C. W. Kouns, general manager of the eastern lines of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, with headquarters in Topeka, Kan., swam to the rescue of the Swift, a clothing salesman.

TEDDY IN CHICAGO

He Calls Report of Wife's Illness "Preposterous Story."

Denies He Has Been Offered Leadership of G. O. P.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 2.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived in Chicago Sunday aboard the Pacific Limited.

Dispatches from Omaha had declared that Mrs. Roosevelt had been ill. Her appearance belied it, for she stepped smilingly from the train and when Colonel Roosevelt was queried regarding her health and shown the dispatches he said:

"The most preposterous fool story ever told. What could have given rise to such a story?"

"What was true then when they were passing through Omaha some one asked if Colonel Roosevelt could be seen, and was told that he and Mrs. Roosevelt were resting. The colonel was asked if the Republican party has offered to make him its candidate at the next convention."

"Listen," said the colonel. "A couple of years ago it was reported that I had been offered the kingship of Albania, the presidency of China and the dictatorship of Mexico."

"What was true then is true now. I have been offered nothing."

"What of the war and the attitude of the United States government?" was next asked the colonel.

"Read my statements made at Syracuse," said he. "What I said then goes now, and every day the situation is more unfortunate."

The colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt left for the east at 2 p. m., on the twentieth century limited.

EASTLAND TANGLE

Character of Redfield "Inquiry" Appears in Doubt.

Secretary Is Undismayed by Court's Curb on Witness.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—When the federal grand jury which is investigating the capsizing of the steamship Eastland convened this morning it was reported Secretary Redfield would go before the body some time during the day to tell of the work of the federal steamboat inspection service.

Secretary Redfield's board resumed its sessions, but it was not known what character this would assume in view of an order by Judge Landis of the United States district court Saturday refusing permission to William Nicholas, steamboat inspector, to examine the hulk of the Eastland. He is expected to ask the federal court for permission to examine such witnesses as he needs.

The finding of three more bodies in the hulk of the Eastland yesterday led to a renewal of the search today.

The Western Electric company's plant resumed operations today after the lapse of a week since the disaster to the Eastland. Mourning drapery was removed from the buildings and only the American flag remained at half staff.

Today's revision of the casualty list shows 838 identified dead, 2 unidentified and 149 missing. Of the missing all but two have been accounted for as having perished.

HOUSE SWALLOWED UP

Four Men Killed When Power Plant Sinks in Quicksand.

Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Four men were killed and four others injured, one of whom will die when the power plant of the Knickerbocker Cement company sank in quicksand here today.

The entire building disappeared. All of the dead men were laborers.

RUSSIA LOOKS TO WEST FOR RELIEF

Her Only Hope Is Offensive on Part of Anglo-French.

Germans Send More Reinforcements to the East.

MAY SURRENDER WARSAW

Czar's War Minister Brings Out Case of Moscow in 1812.

"In Order to Insure Final Victory," He Declares.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Mitau, the capital of the Russian province of Courland, twenty-five miles southwest of Riga, has been occupied by German troops, according to the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

London, Aug. 2.—No direct news from Warsaw has been received today. While there are increasing indications that Grand Duke Nicholas is withdrawing his army from the Polish salient there is evidence that the capital is still in possession of the Russians, since Petrograd correspondents of Warsaw papers were directed to send accounts of the duma's opening for the issues of Monday morning.

That Russia has not entirely abandoned hope of a diversion in the west which may relieve the tremendous pressure exerted upon her by the Austro-German armies is shown by the announcement from Petrograd that the German forces before Warsaw have been heavily reinforced from the west, thereby creating favorable conditions for active operations by our allies.

There has been heavy fighting on the New front, where the Germans have made some progress in the desperate battle which is raging between the Narew and the Oje rivers. Latest reports from Vienna are that the

(Continued on Page Two.)

UP GO CO. TAXES

Levy Is .00048 Mills Above That of 1914.

Total Is .278 Cents on Every \$100 Valuation.

The official county tax levy for 1915 made by the county commissioners this afternoon is .00278 mills. This shows an increase of .00048 mills over the 1914 levy. The itemized levy as made by the board is as follows:

General revenue00123
Roads and bridges00100
Bonded indebtedness00020
Free state fair00025
Charities00011

Total00278
This levy means that the taxpayers will be asked to pay .278 cents on every \$100 worth of property. The increase in the taxes this year is caused by the heavy bridge and road levy due to the heavy rains and floods, the free state fair, and the mothers' pensions, commissioners explained. The road and bridge levy of 1914 which called for three-fourths of a mill was raised this year to one mill. The general revenue fund was raised three-hundredths of a mill to allow the additional drain on the fund caused by the change in the pension law which was passed by the last legislature.

The county's poor are increasing in number constantly and every year it takes more money for charities. This fund was raised from .00092, the 1914 levy, to .00010. With the addition of one-fourth of a mill the fund is now an increase of .00012 in the fund for bonded indebtedness the total levy for the county went up to .00278.

It took a lot of whitening before the commissioners were able to get their appropriation cut down so as to be under three mills. The commissioners have been working for several weeks to get the levy under three mills.

CRUDE OIL UP A DIME

Advance From 40 Cents to 50 Cents Announced at Tulsa.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 2.—Crude oil advanced on the local market today. Announcement of the increase was first made by the Prairie Oil & Gas company when a notice was posted at its offices that the price of crude oil from the Midcontinent field had increased to fifty cents. It has been selling at forty cents for several months.

Increase Posted in Kansas. Independence, Kan., Aug. 2.—A general increase of ten cents a barrel in the price of crude oil handled by the Prairie Oil & Gas company was announced at the general offices of the company here today. A general decline in the potential production of the field is given as the cause of the increase. The new price is fifty cents a barrel.

THREE BRITISHERS SUNK

Benvorlich, Fulgens and Clintonia Down; Crews Safe.

London, Aug. 2.—The British steamship Clintonia has been sunk. Fifty-four of the persons aboard her were saved. The British steamer Fulgens, of 2,501 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew has been landed. Benvorlich, which left Manila May 1, for London, by way of Marseilles, has been sunk. Sixteen members of the crew have been landed. The others are still in the boats.

HOUSE SWALLOWED UP

Four Men Killed When Power Plant Sinks in Quicksand.

Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Four men were killed and four others injured, one of whom will die when the power plant of the Knickerbocker Cement company sank in quicksand here today.

The entire building disappeared. All of the dead men were laborers.

HOUSE SWALLOWED UP

Four Men Killed When Power Plant Sinks in Quicksand.

Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Four men were killed and four others injured, one of whom will die when the power plant of the Knickerbocker Cement company sank in quicksand here today.

The entire building disappeared. All of the dead men were laborers.

HOUSE SWALLOWED UP

Four Men Killed When Power Plant Sinks in Quicksand.

Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Four men were killed and four others injured, one of whom will die when the power plant of the Knickerbocker Cement company sank in quicksand here today.

FOOD TO CAPITAL BARGAIN WEEK OPENED TODAY

Carranza Makes Strenuous Effort to End Famine.

Chief Bends Every Effort to Keep Wilson Out.

CHIEF AGAIN CONTROLS CITY

Report of His Reoccupation Confirmed by Silliman.

Death and Collapse From Starvation Are Reported.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Official confirmation of the re-occupation of Mexico City by Carranza's army under General Gonzales reached the state department today from American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz. A message to the American Red Cross from Mexico City says there have been cases of death and collapse from starvation in the capital.

The Red Cross message was from Charles J. O'Connor, the society's relief agent at Mexico City. "Prices already are prohibitive," it said. "There is practically no corn in city. Authentic cases of death and collapse from starvation. Some people are eating leaves, grass, weeds, dead horses and mules."

Consul Silliman's message said Mexico City was occupied by the Gonzales forces Friday night, "on urgent orders of General Carranza," and added:

"A severe fight occurred Friday afternoon at a point east of Guadalupe. Director of the telegraph state telegraph communication is expected Sunday afternoon at the latest. Communication with Tula via Pachuca, and is being pushed northward."

General Gonzales is going directly into Mexico City, instead of lingering in the state capital, as expected. Communication will be restored at once.

"It also is expected that Carranza will move his entire government to Mexico City."

Shanklin to Shed Light. Arnold Shanklin, American consul general at Mexico City, was due to arrive here today to confer with Secretary Lansing regarding Mexican affairs. (Continued on Page Two.)

MISSION STORMED

Haitians Attempt to Mob Slay-er Secured There.

French Marines Aid Americans in Policing City.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Wesleyan mission in Port au Prince was attacked Saturday night by a mob attempting to seize a man who had murdered a prisoner in jail, and had been sentenced there. Rear Admiral Caperton reported the affair today, but gave no details.

The city is now being controlled with difficulty. French marines were today guarding the French legation at Port au Prince from which building President Poincaré was taken by a mob and slain.

The landing of the marines from the cruiser Descaartes was at the request of the French minister and was with the consent of the United States government. American marines have already been landed.

VESSEL ASHORE IN FOG

Steamer Frieda Requires Help; Crew Reported Safe on Board.

Bath, Me., Aug. 2.—The sulphur-laden steamer Frieda, from Portland, Me., for Searport, Me., went ashore in a dense fog today on Seguin Island, off the mouth of the Kennebec river.

The vessel was so firmly grounded that the chance of floating her without assistance were considered slight. The crew of about thirty men were reported safe on board.

The Frieda was many miles off her course.

Lifeguards Rush to Freighters. San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Life saving crews and tug boats today went to the assistance of the American Hawaiian steamship Georgian on Duxbury reef, a few miles north of the Golden Gate, where the freighter went ashore in a dense fog last night.

Captain Nichols and a crew of more than thirty men are aboard the stranded vessel.

MORE FACTORY STRIFE

Workers on Shell Machines Ask More Pay, Shorter Day.

Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 2.—Demands for increased pay and shorter hours were made by machinists at the plant of Potter & Johnson today. The firm employs nearly 1,000 men and is engaged in making machine tools for the manufacture of shells and shipping them to France.

The demands of the men, who seek an increase of 5 cents an hour and an eight-hour work day, were presented by the committee representing the local branch of the International Association of Machinists.

It is reported that similar demands will be made at other local plants.

Mabel Boardman's Father Dead. Washington, Aug. 2.—W. J. Boardman, father of Miss Mabel Boardman, executive head of the American Red Cross, died suddenly today at his home. He was a retired business man who came here from Ohio many years ago.

Mrs. W. Murray Crane, wife of former Senator Crane of Massachusetts, is his other surviving daughter.

Weather Forecast for Kansas. Fair in west; unsettled and slightly cooler in portion tonight; Tuesday generally fair.

GERMANY STANDS PAT IN CASE OF WILLIAM P. FRYE

Washington, Aug. 2.—Germany's reply to the last American note on the sinking of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, received here today, is understood to reiterate her contention that under the Prussian-American treaty of 1828, Germany may continue to destroy American ships carrying contraband if she pays for them.

Germany declines to accept the American contention that the treaty protects the ship from destruction, and holds it is only necessary to pay damages after a prize court determines the facts. The note will be published later.

BIG STRIKE NEAR

Final Balloting Today of 60,000 Garment Workers.

Army of Women and Girls on Verge of Walkout.

New York, Aug. 2.—The climax of the deadlock between 60,000 workers on women's garments and the manufacturers was near today with final balloting on the question of delegating to labor leaders the power to call a general strike tomorrow, if expedient. Twenty thousand workers, it was estimated, were voting today, the first of the thousands having cast their ballots yesterday and Saturday.

Most of the workers are women and girls. Negotiations between the workers and manufacturers have dragged on for more than three weeks. A week ago a settlement appeared to be in sight. Then manufacturers took exception to a published statement attributed to labor leaders, saying the workers had won a victory on the question of an employer's right to discharge a workman, and another crisis was precipitated.

It was said the vote of the workers would be counted late tonight. The result probably will not be known until tomorrow.

CITY BILL HELD UP

County Will Not Pay Back Tax Claim Just Now.

Will Await an Opinion From U. S. Supreme Court.

City Attorney Hayden filed late this afternoon a demand that the county pay the city's claim for \$25,000 back tax or make provisions for the same. This means that the city of Topeka will have cause for action in mandamus in case the claim is not allowed.

The county commissioners at their meeting this morning did not allow the bill for \$25,140.21, presented by the city for penalties on taxes and special assessments which was claimed to be due. The commissioners have taken the bill under advisement until final settlement of the Kansas City, Kan., case is made. A letter from L. W. Keplinger and C. W. Trickett, attorneys for Wyandotte county, in the case upon which the Topeka city commissioners based their right to collect this money, to O. K. Swazey, county clerk, informed him that this matter had not been finally disposed of and that it was pending on appeal in the United States supreme court.

When this letter came the commissioners smiled and heaved a sigh of relief. They were in a position ready to take up the question of allowing the bill. After they had read the letter they stated that they would let the matter go for the present.

When asked what the city would do in the matter, George Hayden, city attorney, stated that he had not yet made up his mind as to what the next step would be.

TO BE COOLER TONIGHT

Heavy Rains Again Have Fallen in Western Kansas.

Heavy rain has fallen in western Kansas and there have been scattered showers in the eastern portion of the state in the last twenty-four hours. Dodge City has received 1.16 inches; Phillipsburg, 1.44, and Hays, .90 of an inch. The lower Kew valley was almost entirely left out of the distribution. Topeka got but a trace.

The stage of the Kaw river at Topeka today was 18.1 feet. The river is expected to fall slowly.

The minimum temperature this morning was 59 degrees, or 1 degree above normal. A northwest breeze took the edge off the heat.

The forecast calls for unsettled weather for Topeka and vicinity tonight with a slight drop in temperature. Tuesday is expected to be generally fair. Fair weather is scheduled for western Kansas tonight and Tuesday.

The temperature this afternoon was eight degrees below normal for this date. The wind was twelve miles an hour from the northwest.

7 o'clock69 11 o'clock74
8 o'clock72 12 o'clock76
9 o'clock70 1 o'clock76
10 o'clock72 2 o'clock80
3 o'clock77

MRS. SPRINGER SILENT

Chicago Woman Refuses to Talk of Peace Propaganda Finances.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Warren Springer of this city shed no light today on the story cabled from Paris that an American woman of Chicago, said to have given the name of Mrs. Warren Springs, attempted to use money to aid a peace propaganda among Socialists in Italy.

"Are you the Mrs. Springs referred to in the Paris story?" Mrs. Springer was asked.

"I decline to be interviewed on this or any other subject," Mrs. Springer replied. "This is a policy I have adhered to steadfastly for the past three years."

Mrs. Springer was left a fortune by her late husband and has been active in philanthropic work.

AWAIT NOTE TO BRITISH

Berlin Not Yet Decided as to Reply to U. S.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—(By wireless to Sayville).—Among the news items prepared today by the Overseas News agency for transmission by wireless telegraph abroad was the following: "Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the German government has not yet decided whether the American note regarding German submarine warfare will be answered."

"The government awaits the text of the announced American note to Great Britain before deciding what further steps will be taken."

BASEBALL TODAY.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
Milwaukee at Cleveland—Game postponed; rain.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Boston at Pittsburgh—Doubleheader postponed; rain.
FEDERAL LEAGUE.
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh—game postponed; rain.

BRITAIN REFUSES TO YIELD TO U. S. IN SEA SEIZURES

Supplemental Note Defends Action in Neches Case.

Takes Issue With Caveat Filed by United States.

OCEAN OUTLAWRY TO GO ON?

Three Notes From England Now in Lansing's Hands.

Secretary of State to Give All to Press Soon.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Great Britain's supplemental note in reply to American representations on interference with neutral shipping reached the state department today and will be published in a few days, with the note received last week on the same subject, and a third note regarding detention of the American steamer Neches, which also arrived today.

Reply to Caveat of July 17. Secretary Lansing said the supplemental note was a reply to the caveat sent by the United States on July 17, declaring this government would not recognize the validity of prize court proceedings taken under restraints imposed by British laws in derogation of the rights of American citizens under international law. The caveat was filed to avoid any misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States toward the orders in council.

Officials would not discuss the British communications. Objection had been made by the British authorities to publication of any portion until the notes have been released by arrangement between the governments.

The Neches Case. The case of the American steamer Neches, which forms the basis of the third note, involves the right of a belligerent to seize goods originating in an enemy country, or even in a neutral country, and passing to an enemy country and supposed to be subject to its influences, but destined for another neutral country. Heretofore the broad principles of international law have regarded such goods as exempt from seizure, unless they were passing through the blockade lines and, so far, the United States and Germany have